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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Toxic Paint and Chemicals - Public Information**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of the Environment to prepare written
4 materials to educate the public about exposure to lead paint and other
5 hazardous or toxic chemicals; requiring the inclusion of certain information;
6 requiring the Department to promptly provide the information upon request by
7 individuals and agencies; and requiring the Department to publicize the
8 availability of the information.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article - Environment
11 Section 6-503
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **Article - Environment**

17 6-503.

18 (a) The Department shall:

19 (1) Duplicate information contained on all chemical information lists and
20 material safety data sheets that the Department receives under § 5-406 of the Labor
21 and Employment Article;

22 (2) Maintain this information in a central repository for a period of 40
23 years; and

24 (3) Provide access to this information by the persons who are allowed
25 access under this subtitle.

1 (b) On written request to the Department, the following persons may have
2 access to, inspect, and make a copy, at the person's expense, of any chemical
3 information list and material safety data sheet that contains information on
4 hazardous or toxic chemicals and that the Department maintains under this subtitle:

5 (1) Any environmental organization that is in the State of Maryland;

6 (2) Any civic or consumer organization that is in the State of Maryland;
7 and

8 (3) Any individual who lives:

9 (i) In a local community where a business stores, produces, or
10 locates hazardous or toxic chemicals; or

11 (ii) In the nearest local community to a business that stores,
12 produces, or locates hazardous or toxic chemicals.

13 (c) Whenever the Department receives a written request, under this subtitle,
14 for chemical information lists and material safety data sheets submitted by an
15 employer in accordance with § 5-406 of the Labor and Employment Article, the
16 Department shall promptly notify the employer of the request.

17 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PREPARE BROCHURES AND OTHER WRITTEN
18 MATERIALS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC ADDRESSING EXPOSURE TO LEAD PAINT AND
19 OTHER HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC CHEMICALS, INCLUDING DESCRIPTIONS OF:

20 (1) COMMONLY USED PRODUCTS THAT CONTAIN HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC
21 CHEMICALS, AS DEFINED IN § 6-501 OF THIS SUBTITLE;

22 (2) LOCATIONS WHERE THE PRODUCTS MAY BE PRESENT;

23 (3) ALTERNATE PRODUCTS THAT MAY BE USED FOR THE SAME
24 PURPOSES;

25 (4) MEASURES TO LIMIT EXPOSURE TO HAZARDOUS OR TOXIC
26 CHEMICALS; AND

27 (5) STEPS TO TAKE WHEN EXPOSED TO THE CHEMICALS.

28 (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROMPTLY PROVIDE THE BROCHURES AND
29 OTHER WRITTEN DOCUMENTS TO ALL INDIVIDUALS AND AGENCIES THAT REQUEST
30 THE INFORMATION.

31 (F) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL DEVELOP A STATEWIDE PUBLIC INFORMATION
32 CAMPAIGN TO PUBLICIZE THE AVAILABILITY OF THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN
33 SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION.

34 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
35 October 1, 2000.